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For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR COMMUNICATING EXERCISER-  
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4. ☐ Relevance of the non-English language document(s) is discussed in the present specification.

5. ☐ The document(s) was/were cited in a corresponding foreign application. An English language version of the foreign search report is attached for the Examiner's information.

6. ☐ A concise explanation of the relevance of the non-English language document(s) appears below:

7. ☐ The Examiner's attention is directed to co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. , filed , (copy attached) which is directed to related technical subject matter. The identification of this U.S. Patent Application is not to be construed as a waiver of secrecy as to that application now or upon issuance of the present application as a patent. The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the cited application and the art cited therein during examination.

8. ☐ Copies of the documents were cited by or submitted to the Office in Application No. , filed , which is relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. § 120. Thus, copies of these documents are not attached. 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d).

Copies of the U.S. patents identified on the attached PTO-1449 forms are not enclosed pursuant to 1276 OG 55.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner initial and return a copy of the enclosed PTO-1449, and to indicate in the official file wrapper of this patent application that the documents have been considered.

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